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entions, except so far as they are incommodeed and made to suffer thereby. They are disgraceful to all who engage in or foster them— injuries to the interests of both Stockholders and the business public.

If Vindex thinks his twaddle about "the Rutland Road" is an answer to our objections, he is egregiously mistaken—Our objections remain untouched and unanswered, and his vaunted answer so lauded by the Sentinel, only reminds us of the reply of Cuvier, the great Naturalist, to the Committee of the French Academy. When this Committee were employed in preparing the well-known Academy Dictionary, Cuvier came one day into the room where they were holding a session. "Glib to see you, M. Cuvier," said one of the party, "we have just finished a definition which we think quite satisfactory, but on which we should like to have your opinion. We have been defining the word *Crab*, and have explained it thus:—"Crab: a small red fish, which walks backwards." "Perfect, gentlemen," said Cuvier, "only, if you will give me leave, I will make one small observation in Natural History. The crab is not a fish—it is not red, and it does not walk backwards. With these exceptions, your definition is excellent."

This meets the case of "the plain and thorough" answer of Vindex to a T.

Destructive Fire.

The County Jail and Stetson's Row in ruins!

Between twelve and one o'clock on Wednesday night a fire broke out in the cellar at the South end of Stetson's Row in Church Street, and before it could be arrested, that entire Row, together with the County Jail, the Chittenden County House, and all the buildings in rear, and connected with, Stetson's Row, were burnt to the ground. The weather was excessively cold, so as to impede the working of the Engines, the wind quite strong, and it is really wonderful that the fire was arrested as it was. The Firemen and many of our Citizens worked like heroes. The burnt buildings were occupied by a great number of poor people, whose condition, at this inclement season, appeals warmly to the charitable.

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We notice among the recent confirmations by the Senate of Executive Nominations that of Hon. Ulysses S. Grant, a Second Comptroller in the Treasury Department.

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We learn from Washington that the leaders of the Democratic party have held frequent meetings, and have, in the main, agreed upon running Lewis Cass for President, and Samuel Houston for Vice President, in 1852—*[B. St. L. W.]*

If the people of this Country shouldn't hear the leaders of the Democratic Party, on such a ticket, we should despair of the Republic.

LATER FROM CALIFORNIA.
Arrived of two millions of Gold—Discovery of a Silver Mine.

The steam ships Cherokees and Prometheus arrived at New York on the 29th from Chagres on the San Joaquin, bringing \$2,000,000 in gold dust, and dates from San Francisco to Dec. 16th.

The Cherokee brings all the New York passengers.

The steamer California, from San Francisco, arrived at Panama on the 31st of January, and the Isthmus on the 7th. The former brought 200 passengers, and \$360,000 worth of gold dust, and the latter 200 passengers and 250,000 dollars in gold.

The Falcon arrived at Chagres on the 10th, and was to leave for New York on the 13th.

On the 14th of December, another ship arrived at San Francisco, which property to the amount of \$100,000.

The Pacific News gives the following communication of the last two weeks:—Now, notwithstanding the very large number of emigrants within the last month, there is but a slight downward tendency, owing to the general belief, erroneously founded we think, that the emigrants in the mining districts have not fully supplied themselves for the winter demand, although the rainy season has fairly commenced.

It doth strike us, however, that a state with a considerable degree of surprise, that a state producing little else than money, should, in the second year of its existence, be on the very verge of bankruptcy—and that a corporate entity within the same state should find itself unable, with millions of property at its disposal, to negotiate with a temporary loan at less than 10½ per cent. per month, but such is nevertheless the fact; and the cause for all this may be traced, not to the want of capital in the country, but for the want of that prompt action on the part of the General Government to give stability, &c. to import confidence in landed titles. The same causes which operate on public credit, are being felt most seriously by our business men, very few being able to effect loans, even for small amounts, unless on the most undoubted security, and then only at most ruinous rates—5 to 6 per cent., a month—and in all cases the property of securities hypothesized, must, nearly, quadruple the amount borrowed, and this continues to be a probability that a general fall of the Heavy Gold after will hardly be enacted in that small territory.

The accounts from Peru, and the activity of Mariana and other Italian refugees, give us reason to doubt, but that any serious difficulty at Paris would be easily remedied by an affair the Republican leaders in the holy city, where the French soldiers have become so obnoxious that they are evidently destined to be scattered, and no man or woman should venture to approach them.

REPT. DATES & AUSTIN, Wireless Drug No. 26, Mechanics' Row, Boston, General Agents.

Price per bottle six dollars for 65.

For sale at Burlington—THEO. A. PECK, WALTER A. NELSON, A. C. PIGAR, At Worcester, by W. H. HATCH. —w2w2

Improvements in San Francisco are rapidly progressing.

The miners are hard at work and their labors yield a fair return. The men are wintering in the city, preparing to commence operations in the spring.

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